

Students Ignore Beaches, Attend Summer School Here

Ignoring the morning beach call, nearly 8000 Torrance youngsters attended six weeks of summer school this summer. These hot weather students, who postponed beaching activities until afternoon, amounted to about a third of the regular school enrollment.

Modern summer schools are for everybody—bright, average, and slow students—according to Mrs. Trudy Aldershof, summer director. A tally of the first five weeks showed that more than 5600 elementary and 2300 high school students were enrolled for the summer sessions. The schools also had the opportunity to initiate various new programs.

Summer school classes do not raise the local tax rate, since Torrance officials were careful to see that attendance fees from the state pay for teachers' and principals' salaries, it was announced.

Contrary to most people's preconceived ideas, it was found most children seem to enjoy summer school. Although some reported that their mothers made them go or they wanted to make friends, most reported that their work was interesting.

A survey brought such comments as "I needed help in some subjects," "I want to have an education," or "I want to learn new things." Students surveyed mentioned they liked reading, arithmetic, social studies and science best. However, they indicated that spelling, English and arithmetic were the least popular.

Nearly four-fifths added

that they had learned more about the subject which gave them most trouble during the regular school year.

More than 90 per cent felt that they had learned more in the subjects which interested them most. Again, more than 90 per cent said they would like to return to summer school next year.

Elementary classes were designed to help youngsters get help or move ahead in subjects of interest. High school courses were taken both for credit and by "auditors." Many college-bound students took courses which they could not fit into their regular schedules, while some students made up courses which they had failed. However, more than half of the high school enrollment was of students who will become freshmen this fall. Many of these students took either "exploratory" or "accelerated" courses.

Areas of special emphasis this summer included, according to Mrs. Aldershof:

1. Attempts to get parents to tell teachers areas in which they felt the youngsters needed most help.

2. Checking and recording students' progress on permanent recorders, so that next year's teacher will know what the students' achievements and needs are.

3. Greater emphasis on kindergarten reading and arithmetic readiness and instruction, so that there will be no great problem as the child moves to more difficult areas.

4. Use of language labs at the three high schools and at Casimir Elementary School which offered a pilot program.

5. Greater use of outside teaching aids, including films, models, pictures, and other materials aiding to make lessons more interesting and meaningful.

6. Bulletins were sent out reporting on good teaching practices.

7. School-wide fairs were held in several areas, showing the progress of each class. In addition to the regular classroom program, school principals took part on committees which met to improve and plan the curriculum.

"We try to gear our teaching to each individual child," said Mrs. Aldershof. "Each year we get a larger number of children who come to summer school because they want to, not because they are forced to. We think that's a good sign."

Voting Age Debated
Whether the voting age should be lowered to 18 will be debated by students from Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., and Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Mo., on "Rebuttal," Sunday, Aug. 7, 11:30 a.m. to noon, on Channel 2.



FAREWELL LUAU—Students at Yukon Elementary School, Torrance, climaxed their study of Hawaii with a luau. The youngsters studied about America's 50th state, its history and people. Smiling about the adventures of Hawaii are Ricky McCusker and Kathryn Remlinger.

Muscular Dystrophy

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nesota, operated a saw-filing business in his native state before the disease struck. Now ambulatory, in a wheelchair part-time, he is trying to convert his garage into a one-man machine shop. He is looking forward to the day when he can again support his family without asking for county aid.

The family has received medical care through the Los Angeles chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Mrs. Charbonneau said, "and we are grateful. Now, if there are any good citizens in Torrance who know the machine shop business, and could just help my husband set up his shop in our garage, we are sure we could manage to get along."

Mrs. Charbonneau adds that she is also willing to work, and if any job is offered to her in Torrance she would be "mighty pleased."

Air Lines Announce Six-Month Profit Gain

Western Air Lines earned \$1,348,000 or \$0.94 a share, including a net gain from property disposals of \$122,000, equal to \$0.08 a share, in the six months ended June 30, J. Judson Taylor, vice president and treasurer, announced today.

The Muscular Dystrophy people report \$277,000 was raised in the Los Angeles area, and 360 patients—15 of them from Torrance—were given physical therapy treatment last year. In addition to the Orthopedic Hospital, the Tichenor Clinic in Long Beach and Casa Colina in the Pomona area care for victims. A sum of \$88,000 has been earmarked for research in the disease for this year, the organization reports, with funds allotted to USC and UCLA.



GET OUT OF MY HAIR—The old stone man, newest addition at Sea-Aire Park, does not really mind as Torrance youngsters climb over him. The sculptured head is a gift of Paul Saltzman, Torrance artist.

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Proceeds from this drive have helped Scouts earn their way to camp, aiding them to buy the needed tenting and cooking gear.

Local Scouts, under leadership of Scoutmaster John MacLellan, have set a goal for themselves of 500 flags. With their eyes on Labor Day, a holiday when the flag is flown, Scouts are increasing their efforts to sell the 50-star banners for \$4.25 each.

Available now for display on Labor Day, the flags are 3x5 feet, cotton, with jointed hardwood pole for easy storage, and "bracket and screw for attachment to the home or porch.

Larger flags for business and industry are also available through the area Scout office.

Gallery Presents Art from Negro Africa

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